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Application Number	09/509,603
Filing Date	April 6, 2000
First Named Inventor	Policicchio et al.
Group Art Unit	1746
Examiner Name	Gentle E. Winter
Attorney Docket Number	6873
Confirmation Number	1426

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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- iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE  
RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 09/509,603  
Applicant(s) : Policicchio et al.  
Filed : April 6, 2000  
Title : Detergent Composition For Hard Surfaces Comprising  
Hydrophilic Shear Thinning Polymer At Very Low Level  
TC/A.U. : 1746  
Examiner : Gentle E. Winter  
Conf. No. : 1426  
Docket No. : 6873  
Customer No. : 27752

1. ☒ No additional fees (claims fees or extension fees) are known to be required.
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3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated 1/12/04 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$0 for a 0-month extension of time.
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**SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT WITH FILING OF RCE**

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Dear Sir:

This submission is made concurrently with the filing of an RCE in the captioned application. In response to the Office Action of 1/12/04, made Final, please amend the application and consider the following arguments in support of patentability.

*There are no Amendments to the Claims.*

*Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.*